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TO: All Providers of Personal Care, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Consumer-Directed, Respite Care, Private Duty Nursing, Adult Day Health, who provide Personal Care and Related Services and Adult Day Health Care Services and Services Facilitators and Case Managers of Consumer-Directed services.

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MEMO Special

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SUBJECT: Correction to March 31, 2006 Medicaid Memo regarding Rate Increase for Personal Care and Related Services and Adult Day Health Care – May 1, 2006

The purpose of this memo is to notify personal care and adult day health care providers that the table in the Medicaid Memorandum dated March 31, 2006, included an increase for procedure codes S9125 TD and S9125 TE services for Respite Care/RN and Respite Care/LPN that are *not* subject to the 2% increase pursuant to the 2005 Appropriation Act (Item 326.KKK.2). Procedure codes S9122 and S9125 (without the modifiers) were omitted from the previous Memorandum, but are included in the increase and are listed on the corrected table below. Please disregard the Memorandum dated March 31, 2006. This Medicaid Memorandum supersedes that previous Medicaid Memorandum. The information contained in this Medicaid Memorandum may also be found on the DMAS Website at www.dmas.virginia.gov. This Memorandum is for information only for services facilitators and case managers of consumer-directed services. The consumer-directed and companion rate increases pertain to consumer-directed personal attendants and companions.

For dates of service on or after May 1, 2006, the following services have increased rates:

National Code	NOVA/ROS	Code Description	Rates Effective 7/1/05	New Rates Effective 5/1/06
G0238	NOVA	Personal Care/Respiratory Therapist	\$19.09	\$19.47
G0238	ROS	Personal Care/Respiratory Therapist	\$15.91	\$16.23

S5126	NOVA	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance/Attendant Care	\$10.61	\$10.82
S5126	ROS	Consumer Directed Personal Assistance/Attendant Care	\$8.19	\$8.35
S5135	NOVA	Companion Services	\$14.05	\$14.33
S5135	ROS	Companion Services	\$11.93	\$12.17
S5136	NOVA	Consumer Directed Companion Services	\$10.61	\$10.82
S5136	ROS	Consumer Directed Companion Services	\$8.19	\$8.35
S5150	NOVA	Consumer-Directed Respite Services	\$10.61	\$10.82
S5150	ROS	Consumer-Directed Respite Services	\$8.19	\$8.35
S9122	NOVA	Congregate - Aide	\$10.97	\$11.19
S9122	ROS	Congregate - Aide	\$9.60	\$9.79
S9125	NOVA	Congregate Respite - Aide	\$10.87	\$11.09
S9125	ROS	Congregate Respite - Aide	\$9.50	\$9.69
T1005	NOVA	Respite Care	\$14.05	\$14.33
T1005	ROS	Respite Care	\$11.93	\$12.17
T1005	NOVA	Respite Care-AIDS Waiver	\$15.11	\$15.41
T1005	ROS	Respite Care-AIDS Waiver	\$13.31	\$13.58
T1019	NOVA	Personal Care	\$14.05	\$14.33
T1019	ROS	Personal Care	\$11.93	\$12.17
T1019	NOVA	Personal Care-AIDS Waiver	\$15.11	\$15.41
T1019	ROS	Personal Care-AIDS Waiver	\$13.31	\$13.58
S5102	NOVA	Adult Day Health Care	\$47.25	\$48.20
S5102	ROS	Adult Day Health Care	\$43.05	\$43.91

NOVA=Northern Virginia ROS=Rest of State

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